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VISION STATEMENT:

PFS SEEKS TO PROVIDE, IN A CHRISTIAN MANNER, THE NECESSARY CARE AND NEEDS TO THE INDIVIDUAL THAT WILL GIVE HOPE FOR A BETTER LIFE.

DIRECTOR'S GREETING

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he repay him again." Proverbs 19:17 KJV

"And God is able to make all Grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." Corinthians 9:8 KJV

Greetings My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first half of 2015 has rapidly come and we are swiftly approaching the second half. With that being said, I would like to thank you for continuing to be our "partners in faith" and its endeavors to help our ministry serving those with unwanted needs that must be addressed to improve the quality of their life. PFS is here to meet their emergency need. Because of you through financial support, prayers and other acts of kindness we are able to help. As I have said before and truly believe, you are the vessels that God pours in to so that you can be used to pour out into PFS (and other ministries) so we can provide. This is what faith is all about believing God will supply all our needs. He is glorified!

So as we celebrate "**Christmas in July**" we extend an invitation to you to help us help others by:

1. Using the enclosed envelope to return an offering.

Read article and support 2015 fundraising projects:

2. Support our "**Macy's Shop for a Cause**". Macy's way of helping non-profits (see ad on cover page)
3. Support our "**Back to School Project**" to help children who need clothes and shoes.
4. Support our "**Spaghetti Dinner**".
5. Support our "**Feast of Salads/Fashion Show**"
6. Support our "**Christmas Adopt a Family**" project through one of your church Mission groups.

We are grateful for your loving and unending partnership. In Christian love and appreciation as we serve.

2015 FUNDRAISERS

"MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE"

Saturday, August 29th

Shopping pass discounts can be used locally, online & nationally. Shopping pass tickets are \$5.00 each not only give you awesome discounts but also a chance for a \$500 gift card.

Your \$5.00 benefits PFS.

Thank you for your support!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, September 20th

Disciples Christian Church
565 Boardman-Canfield Rd., Boardman
Noon – 4:00 p.m.

\$7.00 Adult / \$5.00 Children 6-12 yrs.



2015 CROP WALK

Sunday, October 11th

Are you ready to join in again?

We need your support to help continue the fight to prevent hunger in the valley.

Get sponsors to PLEDGE, join a group of friends, ask church mission groups, etc. and help the challenge! SEE YOU THERE!



FEAST OF SALADS / FASHION SHOW

Saturday, October 24th

First Presbyterian Church
201 Wick Ave., Youngstown
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

\$20.00 per person



CLIENT NEEDS

Personal Care Products – Men's & Women's Laundry/Dish Detergent, Bus Passes, Paper Products, Cleaning Supplies, Disposable Razors, Gasoline Cards, Disposable Diapers Boy/Girl sizes 4 & 5, Adult Diapers Men and Women: S/M/L/XL. Please consider a donation to help our clients. As always, food donations are needed and welcome.

OFFICE NEEDS

Postage Stamps & Brown Bags

Reams of 28 lb. White - 8-1/2 x 11

(for newsletter cover).

Reams of 20 lb. White/Color Paper - 8-1/2 x 14

"Turntable" Scrabble Boards - 8-1/2 x 11



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Welcome to all our volunteers, old and new! I would like you all to know how much you are appreciated. Without **YOU** the office would not run so smooth; and many would go without help. Thank you for saying YES when I call – please keep passing on your good hearts. The annual Appreciation Volunteer Luncheon was held at the Golden Corral. We had so much fun and fellowship; games, prizes and good food! It was wonderful matching faces with phone voices. Remember to mark your calendar with dates you are working in the office when you get a call from Judy or myself. Kay Hurd and Mary Ball may occasionally call to schedule as well.

Truly Yours, April & Judy

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on;
'Twas not given for the alone, Pass it on;
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Til in Heaven the deed appears – Pass it on!
~Henry Burton, Pass It On~

Christmas in

JULY

The community has blessed this agency once again with blessing for the ministry of helping others. Charity is love. Throughout the New Testament, love is preached as a basic of our faith. In Colossians 3, we are told about the importance of "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Everything we are and everything we hope to be depends on the love we show in charity. In some translations of the New Testament, such as the King James Version, the word **love** used in this verse is actually translated as **charity**.

REMINDER: The Youngstown Foundation will provide a 5% match for any gift of \$100.00 or more given to Protestant Family Service.

NEW: YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE

Checks can also still be made out to The Youngstown Foundation with **PFS** indicated on the "Memo Line" earmarking the gift to us. Donations can be sent to:

<http://www.youngstownfoundation.org>

Or mailed to: **The Youngstown Foundation**
P O Box 1162, Youngstown, OH 44501

Thank you for considering this giving opportunity.

THOSE WE SERVE

Winter has finally come to an end and we can now enjoy the warm weather and all of the beauty that God created.

Although we can enjoy the warm weather, there are those individuals who still have to pay for the gas and electric service they used in the winter months.

PFS has received an enormous amount of calls from individuals and families who need assistance to pay those bills. Failure to bring those balances current will result in their service being disconnected.

A lot of the calls are from seniors 60 years and older. With the generosity from the Thomases Foundation, the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, along with other organizations, we are able to provide financial assistance for some of our seniors and the general public.

Our agency does not have the resources to help everyone in need so we are greatly appreciative of all your monetary assistance.

Donna Turner, LSW, Caseworker

DONATIONS NEED FOR 2015 CROP WALK

We are also in need of donations of 6-16 ounces of bottled water for the walkers. Please call (330) 746-4600 for pick-up or bring your donation to PFS at 496 Glenwood Avenue by October 8th. The office is closed on Fridays.

REMEMBER: Donation from Church World Service will help us to stock our party for the summer & fall months. It won't take long for it to come and go. Children are at home and more food is required. We certainly appreciate you and your participation in making the walk a successful one. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

CALL US -- TO SPEAK AT YOUR GROUP/CHURCH/ORGANIZATION

Protestant Family Service is available to speak to your congregation, your mission or group. We welcome the opportunity to share the ministry of Protestant Family Service. Our mission is not only to the clients we serve but to our supporters to keep you informed on what changes are going on in our community, what the agency is doing and how we respond to the needs. Please call the office at (330) 746-4600 if we can be of service to YOU.

If your group would like to come to PFS for your meeting, we have a meeting room. You can also tour our office facility to see first-hand how we operate. You are welcome –just call.



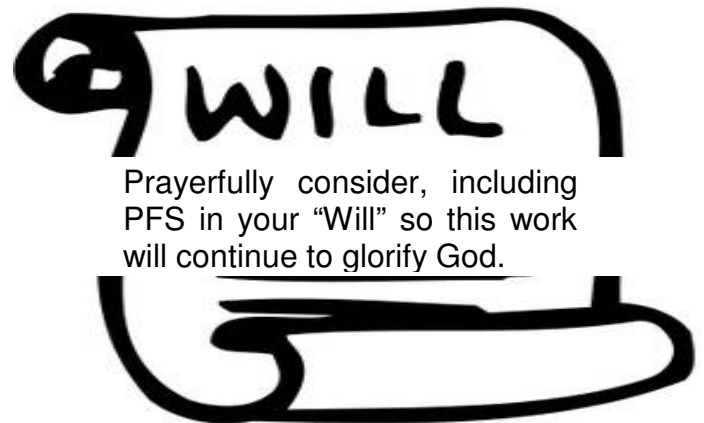
DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW FORMAT?

- *We are trying to making it easier to read.
- *Send any suggestions to us.

FUNDRAISERS TO SUPPORT PFS

Each year PFS sponsors several fundraisers to help support our ongoing ministry. Your participation helps us to get to know you as well as raise funds for our mission of helping others.

Some of the fundraisers are: PFS's Annual meeting, Spring Scrabble tournament, Spring Concert, Spaghetti Dinner, Macy's "Shop for a Cause", CROP Walk, Feast of Salads/Style Show and Appeal Letters when necessary. Your support is appreciated. Please mark your calendar for our events and plan to attend. It's always a pleasure to fellowship with you.



Prayerfully consider, including PFS in your "Will" so this work will continue to glorify God.

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**PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICE
INVITES “YOU” TO
MACY’S “SHOP FOR A CAUSE”**



SATURDAY, AUGUST, 29th 2015

This special day of celebration and \$AVINGS FOR YOU, offers Macy’s a day to support **local** non-profit organizations like us! We have the opportunity to raise DOLLARS as a part of this special event in their stores.

HOW THIS WORKS:

PFS is selling \$5.00 tickets for discounts at “Shop for a Cause”

ORDER TICKETS:

By contacting Protestant Family Service (330) 746-4600

TICKETS ARE A GREAT GIFT:

They can be used online/Nationwide

YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

- 25% OR 10% off most purchases all day long.
- Opportunity to win a \$500 gift card. (no purchase necessary)

PFS retains **ALL** proceeds from our ticket sales.